

THE PREFERRED GENRE BETWEEN CLASSICAL
MUSIC AND MODERN MUSIC AMONG STUDENTS IN
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Abstract

This study is to know about the preferred genre between classical music and modern music. The case study of this research is among music students in the faculty of music UiTM. The study also used to find out the background of the students that contributes to the choices of music. Next, this study will also investigate the problems face by students towards choosing the type of music that wanted to be played. Last but not least, this study also used to identify whether music career and job opportunities will influence the students' preferences in music. To achieve better results and understanding, this research is conducted in both quantitative and qualitative methods by using the questionnaire and interviewing few amateur and professional musicians. As a results, a lot of students wanted to change and switch their instrument to modern music which in UiTM described as Jazz music. By doing this research, we also can conclude that there are a lot of improvement can be made to improve our own music industry in Malaysia. It also help UiTM's students to plan properly and make good choices and learn to play and produce good music. As a recommendation, chances and encouragement should be given to students to choose and learn what music the wanted to learn. Teachers and lecturers could also plan wisely the process of learning and education that wanted to be teach to the students.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

Background of the Study

In learning music in MARA University of Technology (UiTM), students are able to choose whether to pursue their study either in modern music or classical music. The classical which will be discussed about is the Western European Classical Music, and for the Modern Music, it is about Jazz Music. There are few concept of learning in UiTM for both Diploma and Degree program. For students in early year in UiTM, it is a must for them to take classical music in other words Western European Classical Music and classical instrument in their study. It is one of requirement in learning music courses in UiTM. In early semester for music students, all of them will learn classical as their foundation and basic in music then, the students can choose whether to pursue their study in modern jazz music or Western European classical music on semester 2(two) above and switch their instruments according to their favorite by audition. In addition, for the instrumentation, there are few instruments which people define the instrument for classical music or modern music. For the example, the classical guitar (nylon guitar) students and people will define the instrument as the instrument that will be playing classical music. However, for electric guitar or electric bass and others, student and people will define the instruments that will be playing modern and pop music. Classical music and modern music are totally different. Both type of music had different approach and different style of playing.